हथकरघा बुनकरों के लिए विपणन विकास सहायता योजनाएं

2045. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनंदन जैन** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार विपणन विकास सहायता योजनाओं के अंतर्गत हथकरघा बुनकरों के लिए देश में जिले-वार बाजार स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान स्थापित किए जाने वाले बाजारों की संख्या तथा उनकी अवस्थिति के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इस प्रयोजन के लिए निर्धारित राशि और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) लक्षित समूह संगठनों को यह छूट है कि विपणन विकास सहायता योजना जो राज्य हथकरघा निगमों, शीर्ष समितियों और प्राथमिक समितियों को अपने विपणन कार्यकलापों में सहयोग देने के लिए है का 25% तक की राशि अपने शोरूम के नवीनीकरण/स्थापना के लिए प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Early Release of Quota for cotton

2046. **SHRI SURESH PACHOURI**: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Agriculture and Cotton Corporation of India have urged for early release of quota for cotton;

(b) if so, whether bumper crops are expected due to the good monsoon;

(c) if so, what is the estimated total production of cotton crop in comparison to the last year;

(d) whether his Ministry has urged Government to release the quotas at the earliest so that cotton price look up and farmers are able to sell their harvest;

(e) whether the cotton prices had spiralled and Government was forced to ban the cotton export in February, 1994; and

(f) if so, whether it was objected by the cotton traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) There is a long term cotton export policy, approved by Cabinet Committee on Report Strategy in 1990, which stipulated that 5 lakh bales of cotton would be exported every cotton season and subsequent releases would be made thereafter keeping in view the domestic availability and prices. The estimated production of cotton crop during the cotton season 1993-94 is around 120 lakh bales. For the cotton seoson 1994-95 which is to commence from 1st September, 1994, it is too early to make any realistic crop estimation.

(e) and (f) Yes Sir. In the wake of sharp increase to prices of cotton and cotton yarn, the Govt. had temporarily suspended export of raw cotton.

Delegation on behalf of the No Cotton Exporters Association. had requested the Govt. to honour contractual obligations and had also make for the review of the suspension order. After taking various steps to improve the fibre availability, the government reviewel the situation and has lifted the freeze on export of the contracted quantity w.e.f. 31-3-94.